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In re the Patent Application of
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For: ELECTRONIC COUPON
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: **2768**

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In full and timely response to the initial Action of March 06, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (amended) A method of operating an electronic coupon distribution system comprising the steps of:
collecting device information from a device of a client system without obtaining information sufficient to specifically identify the user;
associating a device ID with the device information at a main server system;
selecting coupons according to the device ID to thereby identify coupons appropriate for a user based on the device information; and,
transmitting the selected coupons from the main server system to the client system.

2. (amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said collecting step comprises the optional substep of: